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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My Dear Friends and Fellow Members,

This will be my last message as President of the American Hibiscus Society. It seems like only yesterday that I took office. It has indeed been a very great pleasure and honor for me to work with and for all of you. I sincerely hope that you will all give to my successor the fine help and cooperation that I have had from each and everyone of you.

There has been some rumors of late that I am a candidate for President again this year. I would like to state that I am NOT. I have always felt (and expressed these feelings on occasion) that any organization that holds it's officers too long is sick. I feel that it is essential to the well-being of the Society that "new blood" be injected. We are always in need of new ideas and outlooks, only in this way can we progress and succeed.

By working together in harmony we can become a bigger and better organization that we will all be proud to have had a part in making. Over the years the AHS has grown in stature and prestige and this is the result of the work of all of us working together rather than the work of a few people. Since we are all dedicated to the same aims and purposes we can continue on together as we have in the past.

I hope most fervently that all the Chapters are planning shows as usual this year. Now, more than ever it is incumbent upon us to have our shows and show the people of this fine State of Florida and all the visitors, that the weather has no effect on our efforts. I also hope that all the members will get out and work for and support the chapters and their shows. We had one of the best shows ever at the Florida State Fair this year. If it was done in the winter it can be done in the summer, only better.

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